

Friday, March 8, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, March 11, 1996, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

VA REORGANIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings to examine the status of the reorganization of the Veterans Health Administration and related initiatives to improve VA health care delivery methods, receiving testimony from Kenneth Kizer, Under Secretary for Health, and William Merriman, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; David Baine, Associate Director, Human Resources Division, General Accounting Office; and Richard Schultz, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia held oversight hearings to examine certain recommendations to improve travel management throughout the federal government, receiving testimony from Christopher W. Hoenig, Director, Edith A. Pyles, Assistant Director, and Shane D. Hartzler, Communications Analyst, all of the Information Resources Management, Policies and Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division,

General Accounting Office; John J. Hamre, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); G. Martin Wagner, Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, General Services Administration; Tony Musick, Chief Financial Officer, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and Donald K. Charney, Director of Finance (Chief Financial Officer), U.S. Agency for International Development, on behalf of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 553 and H.R. 849, bills to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to reinstate an exemption for certain bona fide hiring and retirement plans applicable to State and local firefighters and law enforcement officers, after receiving testimony from Senator Moseley-Braun; Terrance W. Gainer, Illinois State Police, Springfield, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Robert M. O'Neil, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Christopher Mackaronis, Bell, Boyd, and Lloyd, Washington, D.C.; Thomas Miller, Indiana Fire Department, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Fighters, and William H. Smith, Indiana State Police, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons, both of Indianapolis, Indiana; Frank J. Landy, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, on behalf of the American Psychological Association; and Loren G. Myhre, Biomedical Computer Systems, San Antonio, Texas.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3058–3059 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2969, to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1967 (H. Rept. 104–467, Part II);

Conference report on H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to